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## HOW TO ACCEPT JESUS AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR AND STILL BE LOST!

A few years ago I was listening to the radio and a powerful preacher was proclaiming this idea: "Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and let him come into your heart, and you will be saved." This sounded good so, I listened attentively to his sermon then changed the stations to another well-known preacher who was vigorously expounding the same general teaching. After hearing so many teach this from the pulpit, radio and TV I was convinced it was indeed the gospel truth. But in order to be doubly sure, I decided to check this popular teaching out with the Bible and see just what it had to say.

I want to tell you what I found. To my complete surprise and astonishment I was not long in discovering that not a single New Testament conversion was brought about by anyone "accepting Jesus as their personal Savior!" In fact, I could not even find the phrase in the Bible. Then as I searched, there they were. Thousands of Bible examples of people who had been saved. I turned the pages and re-read it all over again. I was shocked to find that not one of these were saved by simply believing and "accepting Jesus as their personal Savior" ...nor were they instructed to. On the contrary the "sum total" of what these people did to be saved the Bible way was to Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and be Baptized.

The List, and what they did is this:

1. The Pentecostians - Acts 2:14-41 - heard, repented and were baptized.
2. The Samaritians - Acts 8:5-13 - heard, believed and were baptized.
3. The Eunuch - Acts 8:35-39 - heard, believed, confessed and was baptized.
4. Cornelius - Acts 10:34-48 - heard, believed and was baptized.
5. Lydia - Acts 16:13-15 - heard, believed and was baptized.
6. The Jailer - Acts 16:30-34 - heard, believed and was baptized, and the list goes on.

This seemed incredible because of what I had been taught all my life. I found out that "All spiritual blessings are IN Christ" (Eph. 1:3) and that there are only a few verses that tell me how I get into Christ. Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27 and perhaps I Cor. 12:13

What a difference! the truth makes. We should teach the great commission like Jesus told the apostles. Read Mark 16:15-16 and Matt. 28:18-20. Let's follow the Bible way.

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# Bulletin Board

Sermon Notes:

Kenny Moorier is with us today, completing a gospel meeting. He will present lessons during the AM and PM worship services as well as during Bible Study period.

Please keep the following members in mind who have difficulty being with us due to prolonged illness: **Dee Boyd, Doris Norman, Billie Glitsch and Don Hurd.**

**NEWS AND NOTES:** Well, spring break is about over, and so is the rodeo. It's "back to school" and back to work time, at least for another couple of months. Hope all had a safe and enjoyable time.

We're concluding our gospel meeting today. Good lessons and enjoyable visits with friends and brethren from surrounding congregations. Our thanks to Kenny and Beth for visiting with us.

Not much to report on health issues, Jesse did say Dietrich is doing better. Hope he can go home soon. It's been a difficult time for all the family. Glad it's looking better.

*"Sometimes the 'majority' only means all the fools are on the same side."*

*"Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job."*

## Assignments for today

Sunday, March 23, 2014

### Morning Service

Announcements.....Mark Mann  
Hymn Director.....Weston Hodge  
Scripture Reading.....I Cor. 5:7-8  
Scripture Reader.....Chris Cecil  
Opening Prayer.....Jesse Knapp  
Closing Prayer.....Mark Mann

### Evening Service

Hymn Director.....Steve Garrett  
Opening Prayer.....Zach Kelsey  
Closing Prayer.....Mark Mann

## True Greatness

Everyone wants some degree of greatness, but there are many opinions about what constitutes greatness. Our heroes are athletes or movie stars of those who hold high office.

In the story related in Mark 10:35-45 James and John were seeking to be great by desiring high political offices. They wanted to sit, one on the right hand and one on the left in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus used this incident as an opportunity to teach a lesson on true greatness.

These disciples based their request for power on two errors. They thought Jesus was going to establish an earthly kingdom, and that the standard of greatness would be the same as in other earthly kingdoms. They had not learned that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). Since the Lord's kingdom is spiritual, the standards of greatness are different. Even the weapons of our warfare are different. ("For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds", 2 Cor. 10:4).

In Jesus' kingdom the great are those who minister most to the needs of their fellow man. Unlike the worldly standards of greatness, Jesus bases greatness on meekness, humility and service. Doing and teaching Christ's commandments will not bring worldly glory and honor, but will win for us an eternal home in heaven.

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday:

9:30 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Bible study  
5:00 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

7:30 PM Study and Devotional  
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Jack Smith and Steve Garrett

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